

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 26, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Specification has been amended to correct a minor informality. Claims 29-31, 37, 39, 43, 45-47, 51, 52, and 56 are hereby amended. Claims 57-75 are newly added. The newly added claims are fully supported by claims 29-56 and specification. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 29-75 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification for a minor informality. Applicants have amended the specification to correct the informality. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action objects to claims 52 and 56 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being improper multiple dependent claims. Applicants have amended claims 52 and 56 and added new claims 69 and 75 to more clearly define the claimed subject matter. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 29, 31, 37, 39, 43, 45-47, and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 29-31, 37, 39, 43, 45-47, 51, 52, and 56 and added new claims 57-75 to more clearly define claimed subject matter. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

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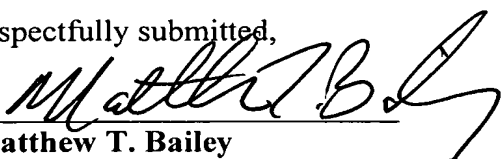
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C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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